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E.O. 11652, N/A
TAGS: ETRD, US, CA
SUBJECT: ANTITRUST: MINK BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

1. THE ANTITRUST DIVISION OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE IS INVESTIGATING POSSIBLE CRIMINAL OR CIVIL VIOLATIONS OF U.S. ANTITRUST LAW IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN MINK SKINS. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ATTEMPTING TO SECURE INFORMATION FROM A NUMBER OF SOURCES IN CANADA AND SCANDINAVIA ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS. A LETTER HAS GONE DIRECTLY FROM JUSTICE TO JAMES R. SHARP, 1108-16TH STREET, N.W., WASHINGTON, DC 20036, WHO IS ATTORNEY FOR THE SCANDINAVIAN BOARD OF FUR FARM ORGANIZATIONS. JUSTICE'S LETTER TO SHARP ASKED HIM TO TRANSMIT LETTER FROM JUSTICE TO SCANDINAVIAN BOARD OF FUR FARM ORGANIZATIONS, LANGAGERVEJ 60, DK 2600 GLOSTRUP, AND A SCHEDULE CONTAINING INSTRUCTIONS AND DESCRIPTION OF MATERIALS REQUESTED FOR THIS INVESTIGATION. SHARP HAS FORWARDED JUSTICE LETTER TO SCANDINAVIAN BOARD. JUSTICE'S LETTER TO SHARP EXPRESSES HOPE THAT SCANDINAVIAN BOARD WILL PROVIDE INFORMATION NOT ONLY FROM OWN ORGANIZATION BUT FROM MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS IN DENMARK, FINLAND, NORWAY AND

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2. REQUEST EMBASSIES IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY APPROPRIATE
OFFICIALS OF HOST GOVERNMENTS WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO
THE 1967 OECD NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE ON RESTRICTIVE BUSINESS

PRACTICES AFFECTING INTERNATIONAL TRADE. APPROPRIATE
OFFICES ACCORDING TO OECD FOLLOW:

DENMARK: MONOPOLTILSYNET,
NORREGADE 49,
1165 COPENHAGEN K

FINLAND: FREEDOM OF COMMERCE OFFICE,
ELINKEINOVAPAUSVIRASTO,
PITKANSILLANRANTA 3A,
00530 HELSINKI 53

NORWAY: PRISDIREKTORATET,
OSLO-DEP.,
OSLO 1

SWEDEN: THE ANTITRUST OMBUDSMAN,
NARINGSFRIHETSOMBUDSMANNEN,
FACK,
S-103 10 STOCKHOLM 2

3. JUSTICE'S LETTER AND SCHEDULE OF DOCUMENTS FORWARDED
TO SCANDANAVIAN BOARD OF FUR FARM ORGANIZATIONS MODELLED
IN LANGUAGE AFTER THOSE SENT TO U.S. ORGANIZATIONS.
THESE DOCUMENTS, HOWEVER, DO NOT EMPHASIZE VOLUNTARY
NATURE OF RESPONSE TO THIS REQUEST. EMBASSIES SHOULD
THEREFORE INFORM HOST GOVERNMENTS THAT RESPONSE IS
ENTIRELY VOLUNTARY, AND THAT PRESENT INVESTIGATION AND
ANY LEGAL ACTION WHICH MIGHT FOLLOW WILL RELATE ONLY TO
THOSE BUSINESS PRACTICES WHICH VIOLATE U.S. ANTITRUST
LAW AND ALSO ADVERSELY AFFECT U.S. DOMESTIC OR FOREIGN
COMMERCE.

4. EMBASSIES SHOULD INFORM DEPARTMENT WHEN ACTIONS IN
PARAGRAPHS 2 AND 3 TAKEN, AND ANY REACTION FROM HOST
GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. RUSH
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